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MEETING : AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE
VENUE : COUNCIL CHAMBER, WALLFIELDS, HERTFORD
DATE : WEDNESDAY 26 NOVEMBER 2025
TIME : 7.00 PM

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Councillors M Adams (Chair), B Deering, J Dunlop, C Hart, S Nicholls (Vice-Chair), G Williamson, D Willcox, Mr M Poppy and Mr N Sharman

Substitutes

Conservative Group: Councillor J Wyllie
Green Group: Councillors M Connolly and N Cox
Labour Group: Councillor D Jacobs
Liberal Democrat Group: Councillors S Marlow and M Swainston

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AGENDA

1. Apologies

To receive any apologies for absence.

2. Minutes - 30 September 2024 (Pages 6 - 24)

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 30 September 2025.

3. Chair's Announcements

4. Declarations of Interest

To receive any declarations of interest.

5. External Auditors Annual Report 2024/25 (Pages 25 - 68)

6. Shared Anti-Fraud Service - Anti-Fraud Report 2025/26 (Pages 69 - 73)

7. Shared Internal Audit Service - Progress Report (Pages 74 - 84)

8. Section 106 Update Report & 2024/25 Infrastructure Funding Statement (Pages 85 - 149)

9. BEAM Trading Update (Pages 150 - 162)

10. Strategic Risk Register Quarter 2 Monitoring 2025/26 (Pages 163 - 168)

11. Financial Management 2025/26 - Quarter 2 Forecast to Year End (Pages 169 - 179)

12. Treasury Management 2025/26 Mid-Year Review (Pages 180 - 193)

13. Medium Term Financial Plan 2026-2031 (Pages 194 - 218)

14. Update on Statutory Recommendation from External Auditors and Finance Peer Review (Pages 219 - 227)
15. Audit and Governance Committee Work Programme (Pages 228 - 233)
16. Exclusion of the Press and Public

To move that under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting during the discussion of Item 17 on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 3 and 7 Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the said Act.

17. Cyber Security Update (Page 234)
18. Urgent Items

To consider such other business as, in the opinion of the Chairman of the meeting, is of sufficient urgency to warrant consideration and is not likely to involve the disclosure of exempt information.